



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Department of Civil Service and Registration

Mass.: Board of Registration in Medicine

State Office Building, Government Center

100 Cambridge Street, Boston 02202

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1961-1962 — 1966/67
(In Compliance with General Laws, Chapter 112, Section 4)

FUNCTION OR PURPOSE.

In general, the function of the Board of Registration in Medicine, though not delineated by statute, is to assure to the citizens of the Commonwealth the availability of the maximal number of professional medical personnel, exercising due care to protect these same citizens from the ministrations of inadequately or improperly trained or otherwise unfit medical professional personnel. The standards of training in terms of type and duration are determined by statute as are the areas in which the Board may consider the fitness of an individual to continue to practice medicine. Competence is determined on the basis of examinations in Massachusetts or some other state or by some nationally recognized examining agency. Measurement or determination of continuing professional competence after registration is not presently a function of the Board.

MEMBERSHIP: (General Laws, Chapter 13, Section 10.)

"Seven persons, residents of the Commonwealth, registered as qualified physicians under Section 2 of Chapter 112, or corresponding provisions of earlier laws, who shall have been for ten years actively engaged in the practice of their profession. One member shall annually in June be appointed by the Governor for seven years from July first following." The membership of the Board for the period of this report follows:

Anthony O. Cardullo, M.D.
Christopher C. Conway, M.D.
Solomon G. Hajjar, M.D.
Charles A. Robinson, M.D.
Bancroft C. Wheeler, M.D.
Roger T. Doyle, M.D., Chairman
David W. Wallwork, M.D., Secretary

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD (General Laws, Chapter 13, Section 11.)

The statute requires regular meetings on the second Tuesday, of March, July, and November each year. In practice, the Board customarily meets once a month excepting August. There were ten meetings in the period covered by this report. A quorum was present at each meeting. Minutes of each meeting are on file in the office of the Board.

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ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD.

The activities of the Board can be divided roughly into the following categories:

I. Registration as qualified physicians.

A. By State Board Examination.

This is obligatory by statute for graduates of foreign medical schools. Some graduates of previously existing unapproved medical schools in Massachusetts, usually repeaters, still seek registration by means of these examinations. Few graduates of approved American or Canadian schools seek registration in this manner. These examinations are conducted by the Board twice annually in January and July. Examinations are prepared and corrected by the members of the Board.

B. By Endorsement.

1. By endorsement of a Certificate granted by the National Board of Medical Examiners of the United States or the National Board of Examiners for Osteopathic Physicians and Surgeons of the American Osteopathic Association.

2. By endorsement of registration granted in other states on the basis of written examinations considered comparable to those administered by the State Board of Registration in Massachusetts.

II. Limited Registration.

Limited Registration, issued for purposes of training of recent graduates or re-training of older graduates, limiting the individual's practice to the institution for which a limited registration is granted under the supervision of individuals registered as fully qualified physicians in the Commonwealth.

III. Discipline.

1. Interview by the Secretary.

2. Interview before the full Board.

3. Formal Hearing

a. For censure, suspension, or revocation - with formal charges and appearance of the charged individual with or without counsel before the full Board, with a finding of guilty or not guilty.

b. For the presentation of a petition for restoration of registration.

IV. Complaints

Consideration by the full Board of all written, signed complaints on matters within the jurisdiction of the Board and the initiation and implementation of any measures necessary for the handling of all complaints. The Board has no assigned personnel for such investigation and refers any necessary investigations (e.g. those connected with the practice of medicine without a license) to the Massachusetts Department of Public Safety or the Bureau of Narcotics.

V. Records.

The Board maintains all necessary records pertaining to registration and all the matters that come to the attention of the Board with reference to the practice of individual practitioners or matters which come within the

jurisdiction of the Board. The Board maintains records of all physicians who have been registered, but, in the absence of annual or biennial registration, no lists of currently practicing physicians can be maintained.

VI. Registration of Assistants in Medicine

Medical students acting as clinical clerks in hospitals.

VII. Legislation.

The Board sometimes initiates, always reviews and sometimes makes recommendations in regard to proposed new legislation with reference to registration and the practice of medicine.

VIII. Examination and Registration of Physical Therapists.

STATISTICAL SUMMARIES

TABLE I

Total Number of Examinees (M.D.)	109
Passed	45
Failed	64
Foreign Medical School Graduates	76
Passed	34
Failed	42
Graduates of Unapproved Schools	17
Passed	0
Failed	17
Repeaters Taking Examination	46
Passed	8
Failed	38
Graduates of Approved American or Canadian Schools	15
Passed	11
Failed	4

TABLE II

Total Number of Physicians Registered	421
By Examination	45
By National Board Endorsement	274
By Endorsement of Registration of other State Licenses	102
Total Number of Limited Registrations granted	2008
Total Number of Limited Registrations as assistant in medicine granted	310
Total Number of Physical Therapists registered	70
By Examination	67
By Endorsement	3

TABLE III

Formal Hearings	14
Revocations	9
Suspensions	2
Suspended Suspensions	2
Not Guilty	1
Automatic Revocation	1
Petitions for Restoration	3
Granted	2
Denied	1
Complaints Heard by the Board	9
No Action	3
Referred to the Massachusetts Medical Society	1
Not under Jurisdiction of the Board	2
Citation for Hearing	1
Corrective Action	1
Referred to the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health	1
Lapsed Physical Therapy Registrations restored	45

SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE BOARD AND OCCURRENCES IN
FISCAL YEAR 1961-1962

- I. In addition to a rather greater than usual number of other disciplinary hearings, the Board, after appearance before it, denied the privilege of completing the January 1962 examination to an applicant observed by the proctors to be using written notes during the examination.
- II. On October 19, 1961 the Board, by a majority vote disapproved a suggestion from Mr. William G. Bixby, Consultant to the Commissioner of Administration and Finance, that a bill be introduced into the Legislature to require the annual or biennial registration of physicians for a fee of five dollars.
- III. In a consultation with the Secretary, Governor John A. Volpe suggested that limited registration be extended indefinitely for physicians in state and municipal hospitals. The Board did not approve this suggestion for the following reasons: (1) Such an action would make second class citizens of patients in such institutions by offering them the ministrations of physicians unable or unwilling to become registered as qualified physicians. These physicians often have had no examination to determine their competence and for this reason are unacceptable in accredited private hospitals. Many state and municipal hospitals are not accredited by the American Medical Association for the supervision of doctors in training. The combination of inadequate supervision of physicians and of undetermined competence is undesirable. (2) Such physicians already are allowed five to seven years of limited registration, adequate time in the opinion of the Board to become registered as qualified physicians if they ever are going to be able to do so. (3) Such action would remove an incentive for these physicians to qualify themselves for full registration. (4) Few, if any, of these physicians ever remain in state or municipal hospitals if they attain full registration and their dedication to such work is thus understandably questioned.

(5) A much better alternative, a much more rational approach to the problem is the provision of on the job training programs to enable these physicians to improve their professional qualifications and ultimately become registered as fully qualified physicians. (6) Such sacrifice of quality care to simple quantity should not be established as a precedent in public service.

After a discussion, the Board voted to discuss the necessity for such action with Dr. Harry C. Solomon, Commissioner of Mental Health, Dr. Joseph Weinreb whose complaint led to the Governor's suggestion, and Dr. Robert E. Arnot, a practicing psychiatrist.

- IV. The Board approved the intent and purposes of House Bill No. 76 to change the present statute governing limited registration in order to facilitate the specialty training of physicians in public health and forensic medicine.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Wallwork

DAVID W. WALLWORK, M.D.
Secretary

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

State Office Building, October 14, 1968

TO: Mrs. Helen C. Sullivan, Director of Registration

MADAM: The Board of Registration in Medicine respectfully submits its Annual Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1962.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1962

Expenditures

1404-01	Salaries of Members of the Board	.....	\$ 9,500.00
1404-01	Traveling Expenses	.....	461.30
	Traveling Expenses (Accounts Payable)	.....	238.70
1403-02	Office Expenses	.....	4,224.25
	Office Expenses (Accounts Payable)	.....	605.75
	Personal Services	.....	14,157.10
			<u>\$29,187.10</u>

Receipts

Receipts from National Board, Endorsement, Examination, Re-examination, intern, student, certified statements, physical therapy examination, re-examination, renewal fees

\$50,208.00

David W. Wallwork
DAVID W. WALLWORK, M.D., Secretary
Board of Registration in Medicine

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Jan. 15, 1969 *Joseph P. O'Shea*
DATE CHECKED BY

M. Joseph Stacey
COMPTROLLER

